

IMPENDING FIGHT OVER NEW TREATY

Ex-President Sends After "Certified" Copy of Four-Sided Pact

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Woodrow Wilson has sent for a copy—a certified copy—of the new four power treaty of the Pacific.

He asked one of his senatorial friends at the capitol today to get one and also to get him a copy of the new directory of the sixty-seventh congress. He would like them as soon as possible.

Proof of His Plans.
Whether this request on the part of the former president presages his intention of re-engaging political turmoil on the hill, none of his friends would say today, but it was taken as proof positive that the influence of Woodrow Wilson will make itself felt in the treaty discussion that lies ahead.

For the time being Mr. Wilson and his friends at the capitol are receiving all information on the question of ratification of the new four power pact. They want time to consider the developments of the last four weeks before committing themselves to any line of action.

The former president is understood to have taken no definite attitude on the treaty yet, although it can be stated that he was no different between article II of the new treaty and article X of the much fought and finally defeated covenant, except a difference in phraseology. The moral commitment, Mr. Wilson and his friends believe, is the same in both articles.

Talkative—Like the Sphinx.
Mr. Wilson, however, has refrained from expressing to any of his supporters what he thinks ought to be the democratic policy. He is understood to have voiced the opinion that the democratic attitude should be adopted with reference to the works of the conference as a whole, rather than with reference to one of the several treaties that are emerging from the parley here. He thinks, according to his friends, that the treaty, which replaces the Anglo-Japanese alliance, the treaty on YAP, the treaty on naval ratio and the nine powered agreement regarding China should be considered together.

In the quiet of his 8 street home, the former president is reading and studying every phase of the Washington conference. With his return to comparative good health, he is now doing more work than at any time since he left the white house, said one of his frequent visitors today. "He is a voracious reader of everything pertaining to the conference," he added.

Wants the Real Dope.
Mr. Wilson already has familiarized himself with the terms of the treaty as printed in the newspapers. He apparently, however, was not satisfied with this, but wanted a certified copy—the kind of copy with which the senate itself will have to deal when it reaches the stage of ratification.

There will be plenty of time for Mr. Wilson and his supporters to formulate their policy with regard to the works of the conference. It is not likely that President Harding will transmit the four power treaty until he is ready also to send up the YAP agreement and the naval treaty. Because of the holiday recess, the senate will not get around to considering the documents until well into January.

The former president is maintaining a close liaison with the senate. Each week some of his supporters on the hill drive into the 8 street house for a chat about the current events. According to these visitors, the former president has

From Cowgirl to Opera Star



The "I knew-her-when" club has dug up a snapshot of Mary McCormack, the cowgirl who became Mary Garden's protegee in the Chicago Opera company, and who scored a hit in her debut this month as "Michaela" in "Carmen." Miss McCormack's golden soprano voice won a chance for her despite lack of money, friends and influence. She was born in Belleville, Ark., and rode the range for several years in Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

expressed himself as pleased with the limitation of naval armaments agreed on.
Some recent callers at the Wilson home have been William G. McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury; Cleveland H. Dodge, one of his original campaign supporters; Norman Davis, of the Morgan banking house and former under secretary of state; Charles Dana Gibson of New York; and a few close congressional friends.

WON'T AID EVANGELISTS

Federal Council of Churches of Pittsburgh Decide Against Revivalists.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 15.—Evangelistic campaigns of the type conducted by Billy Sunday and Gypsy Smith will not be encouraged longer by the Federal Council of Churches of Pittsburgh, it was announced by Rev. C. R. Zahniser, secretary of the council. An absolute ban has not been placed on professional evangelists by the council, but it will refuse to share the expense or responsibility with them in the future.

This stand, said Dr. Zahniser, has been taken as a result of overwhelming sentiment expressed in a series of 19 sectional conferences where representatives of more than three hundred of Allegheny county Protestant churches voiced their opinions and desires. The last of the 10 district sessions was held Friday night in Sharpsburg. The reports from all of these sessions urge that the professionals not be brought to Pittsburgh and that a system of "personal evangelism" be inaugurated as a county wide movement.

The findings of the sectional conferences confirmed by a symposium of local leaders of Protestantism, term the methods of professional evangelism "too high priced, obsolete, false in stimulation, ineffective and too much commercialized." The findings are the general opinion of Protestants in this city and county, Doctor Zahniser asserted.

A Vienna scientist claims to have transplanted healthy eyes to blind animals and, by connecting the optic nerves, to have enabled the animals to see again.

LANDIS PICTURED AS BARNSTORMER

Representative Lee Would Prevent Him From Acting in New Post

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Seeking to force Federal Judge Landis of Illinois to give up his position as baseball commissioner, Representative Lee, republican of New York, introduced a bill in the house which would forbid any federal judge from holding any salaried office other than a judgeship. The bill provides that the offending judge shall be called before the supreme court of the United States on the petition of any bar association, if found guilty, censured and ordered to desist from the outside occupation. A refusal to desist would be judged a contempt of court.

"The federal courts are so congested with work that congress has just been compelled to increase by \$12,500 the salaries of United States judges," said Lee, in explaining his bill. "Despite the crying and increasing need of his undivided attention to the duties of his busy judicial office, Judge Landis, in an unparalleled exhibition of contempt for the lofty traditions of the bench, has contracted to devote \$42,500 worth of his time each year to the needs of baseball, furnishing thereby an example of impropriety, audacity and gall hitherto unknown in the honorable history of the courts."

Passage of his bill, Lee declared, "will prevent Judge Landis from doing the future that which Judge Landis has recently decreed it is improper for Babe Ruth to do now—that is, in duty prescribed duties to go barnstorming."

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190 Holdups in 39 Days Record in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15.—This city is gasping at a total of 190 holdups in the last 39 days, in which bandits obtained nearly \$500,000 from the victims. Although the average has been five holdups a day, few suspects have been arrested and little of the loot recovered. With a population of over two million Philadelphia has only four thousand policemen. A recent move to increase the force by 1,000 men was out to 125 by the city council.

Liberal Exhibits of Poultry.

Special to The World.
YALE, Dec. 15.—A meeting of the poultry fanciers of this town and vicinity was held Monday evening at the office of W. H. Howdell, president of the Payne County Poultry association, to find out how many from this section will exhibit at Yale December 15, 16 and 17 at the Payne county poultry show. It developed that nearly 300 birds will be sent from this community, among them several white Leghorns, won first at state and local shows and some champions. This county is noted for its fine poultry, nearly every raiser keeping only purebred fowls.

PAGE IS HIT BY LAND TITLE SUIT

Indians Want to Reclaim Property He Purchased 10 Years Ago

Charles Page, Sand Springs financier, was named as one of the defendants in a suit filed Thursday in district court by Creek Indians to obtain possession of certain property and recover \$60,000 claimed as rent.

The suit was filed by Leslie John, Martha Foster, Melony Connor and Jimmie Foster against Page, the Sand Springs Home, Sand Springs Railway, Sand Springs Oil company, Sand Springs Gas company, Commerce Trust company of Kansas City, Mary Oil & Gas Co., Tulsa Smelter company, United States Zinc company and Pierce Oil corporation.

In their petition the four plaintiffs claim that they are in reality owners of certain land which Page claims to hold by deed and which is occupied and used by all of the

defendants. Page and the various defendants have been in possession of the property for 10 years, it is claimed and have mined a large amount of oil and gas (of which the plaintiffs ask an accounting amounting to \$50,000). They also ask a \$10,000 judgment for the use of the surface of the land and request that the defendants be ousted from the property and it be given into the right-ful owners' hands who claim to be the plaintiffs.

It is claimed in the petition that Page holds a deed to the property, purporting to have been given him September 12, 1909 by Leslie John. The purported deed was approved by the Tulsa county court, it is said, and even granting that the deed was given by the John woman, it is illegal because it is claimed that the Tulsa court had no legal jurisdiction in the matter due to the fact that the John woman is a full blood Creek. The land over which the litigation is argued is in the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter and the north half of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section No. 4, township No. 19, north range No. 13 east. The land is all in what is now Tulsa county.

WOULD RECOGNIZE SOVIET

Senator France Introduces Resolution Authorizing President to Act. WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—President Harding would be authorized to take immediate steps for the recognition of the Russian soviet government by the United States and a complete restoration of "friendly international and commercial relationships" between the American and Russian peoples by a joint resolution offered in the senate today by Senator France, republican of Maryland.

France, who spent considerable time in Russia last summer, served notice that "he will not wait much longer" for the American government to exact a settlement of all questions and controversies looking to the recognition by the American government of the Russian soviet republic, but "proposes to force the fighting and bring the whole question of our obligations and opportunities in Europe squarely before the American people."

France strongly condemned the "failure of those concerned" to extend to the Russian and German governments an invitation to participate in the armament conference.

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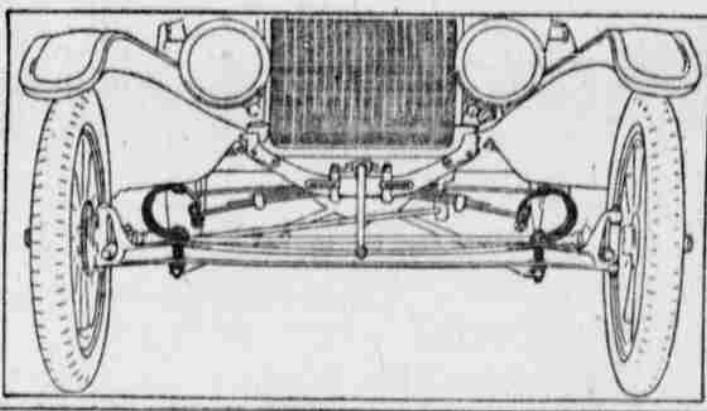


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